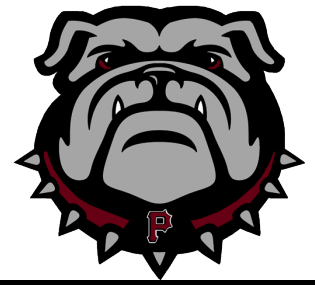


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A Message from Principal Dan Bollinger

Dear Palisade High School Parents and Guardians,

As we step into the month of March, I want to share some important updates and reminders with you.

End of 3rd Quarter and Beginning of 4th Quarter: The end of the 3rd quarter is approaching, and the 4th quarter is set to begin on March 25th. Time is flying, and I encourage both students and parents to stay engaged and make the most of the remaining academic year.

Testing Schedule for 4th Quarter: Please take note of the upcoming testing schedule for the 4th quarter. These tests play a crucial role in guiding improvements within our school and ensuring students demonstrate proficiency in reading, writing, and math for graduation. Emphasize to your students the importance of giving their best effort during these assessments. The testing schedule is available on page two of the newsletter & on the school website, detailing specific attendance expectations for different grade levels on certain days.

Graduation Requirements and Badge-Privileges System: Proficiency on state tests is a graduation requirement, as is earning 25 credits. To progress through our tiered badge-privileges system, students must attempt proficiency testing in their 9th, 10th, and 11th grade years. Encourage your students to take this requirement seriously, as it contributes to their eligibility for the next level badge.

Counseling and Scheduling for Next Year: Our counselors are actively planning for the upcoming year. Soon, all 9th – 11th grade students will be finalizing their schedules. I urge you to work with your students to encourage them to challenge themselves, aligning their course selections with their post-secondary plans.

The Purpose of Athletics in High School: Reflecting on the purpose of athletics, it's essential to recognize its role in preparing students for their future. Beyond professional athletic careers, the skills learned in sports – dealing with challenges, sportsmanship, perseverance, and adapting to change – are invaluable. High school athletics serve as a microcosm of the challenges students will face in their adult lives. Let's collectively guide our students through these experiences, teaching them resilience and the ability to navigate difficult situations.

Life Lessons Beyond the Classroom: As we encounter situations within the school, be it interpersonal issues or academic challenges, consider them as opportunities for both us and you to coach your child. These experiences help them build the necessary skills to handle similar situations in the future, both in the workplace and in life.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and let's work together to ensure our students thrive not just academically but also in facing the challenges life may present.

Sincerely,
Dan



UPCOMING DATES

March 13th
No School-End of 3rd Quarter

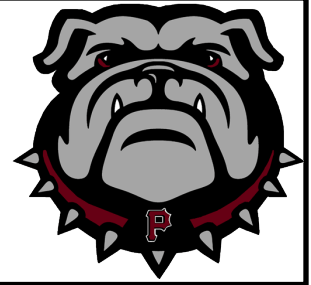
March 14th
No School-Teacher Workday

March 18th-22nd
Spring Break



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Testing Information

All freshmen-juniors will be taking the Statewide assessments in April. Please avoid making appointments for your students on their testing days. Detailed information will be sent separately as we near testing time!

- Tuesday, April 16th **9th-PSAT (Pre SAT test) & 11th-SAT**
- Wednesday, April 17th **10th-PSAT (Pre SAT test)**
- ASVAB optional test at Central High School, March 14th

SENIOR FAMILIES

If your student is planning to attend college next year, you will need to help him or her fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA.gov). It is important to complete the FAFSA as soon as you can, as college aid monies are limited. Make sure you go to the correct website, www.FAFSA.gov and **NOT** www.FAFSA.com. Filling out the FAFSA is free! Also, make sure you select that correct college semester: Fall 2024.

Scholarship Brochure

Seniors, please bring a copy of any scholarships awarded or offered from ALL colleges (even if you do not plan to attend that school) to the counseling office before the April 19th deadline or email a copy to mseriani@d51schools.org.

Concurrent Enrollment at CMU/WCCC for Fall 2024

We will be visiting with students interested in taking concurrent classes at CMU or WCCC on March 27th @ 11:00am in the Library. Students need to let their counselor know they are interested in the program, and we will include them on the interest list. We will visit with students in March about the process, qualifications, and details!

Concurrent enrollment is a great way for students to take challenging courses and earn college and high school credit, all while having their tuition covered by the District!

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Palisade High School
Thursday
March 14, 2024
Time: 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

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Are You Interested in Joining the PHS National Honor Society?

If you are interested in joining NHS the applications are coming out soon and will be due by March 13th!



Are you interested in advertising in our newsletter?

The PHS Newsletter goes out at the beginning of every (school) month to over 1,100 families as well as to other Palisade Community members!

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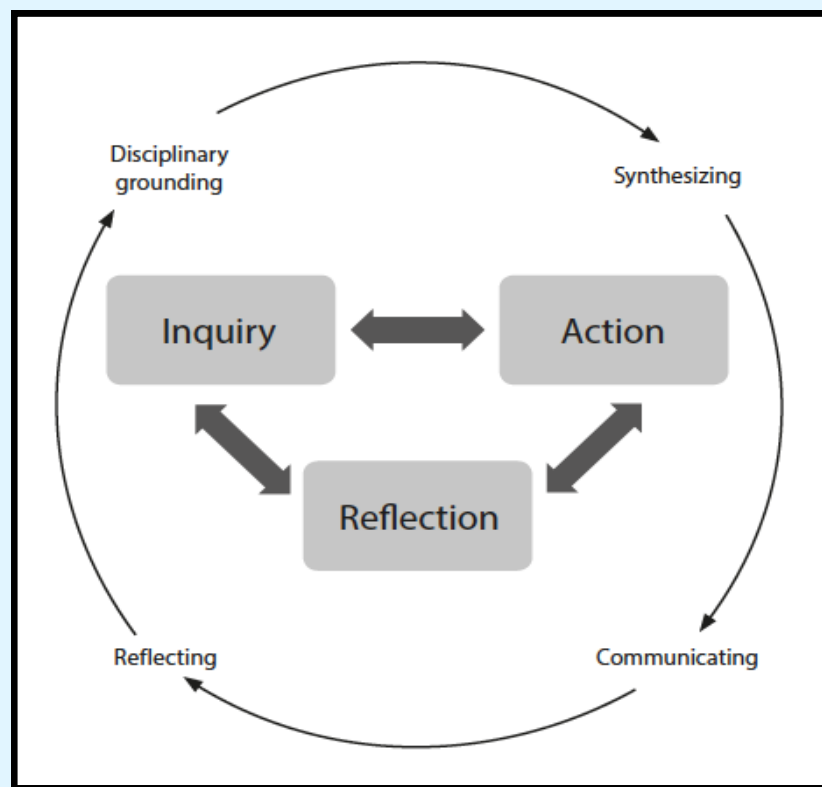
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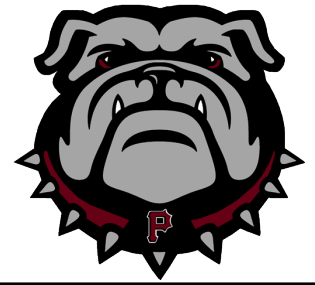
Inquiry in the IB



Teaching and learning in the IB celebrates the many ways people work together to construct meaning and make sense of the world. An IB education empowers young people for a lifetime of learning, independently and in collaboration with others. It prepares a community of learners to engage with global challenges through inquiry, action, and reflection. Sustained inquiry forms the centerpiece of the written, taught, and assessed curriculum in IB programs. IB programs feature structured inquiry both into established bodies of knowledge and into complex problems. In this approach, prior knowledge and experience establish the basis for new learning, and students' own curiosity provides the most effective provocation for learning that is engaging, relevant, challenging, and significant.

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3 WEEKS

LEFT TO SIGN UP!

According to testing giants ACT and SAT, most high school graduates *don't score high enough* on college entrance exams to be considered "ready" for their freshman college classes.

Now more than ever, parents are being encouraged to help their children improve study and test-taking skills – starting as early as middle school.

We can help your student prepare – and help them improve their test performance. It starts with a one-time, five-hour seminar that's *proven to be effective*. Most students notice impressive test-score increases after the session.

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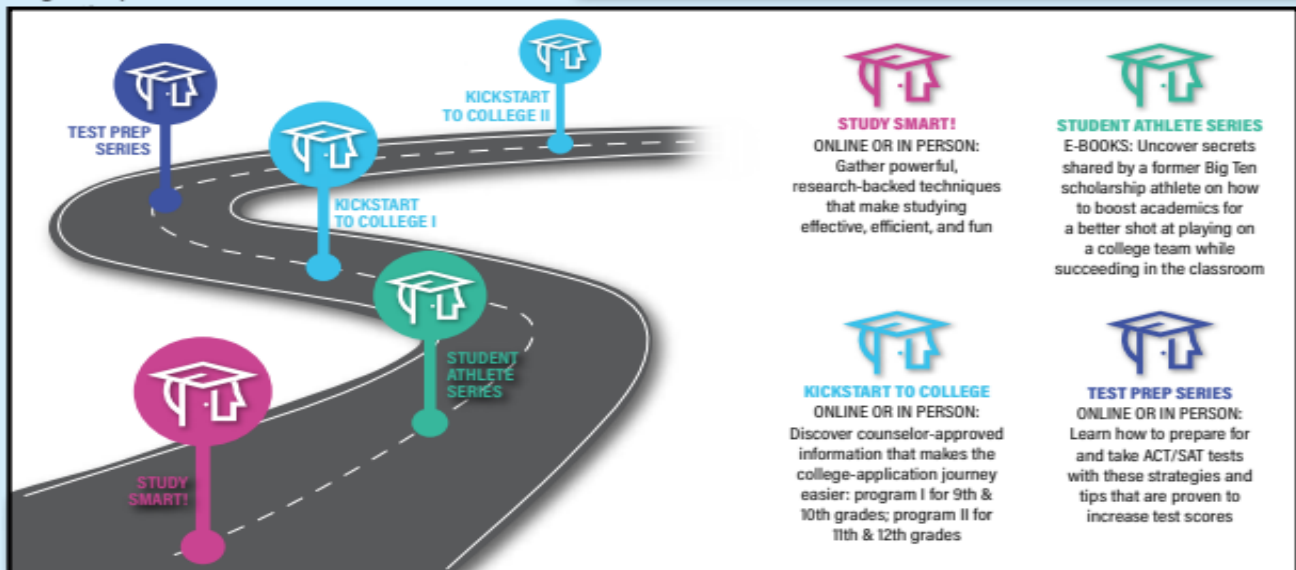
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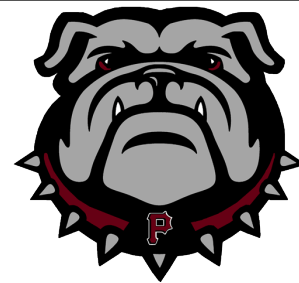
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Introducing...

Palisade Elevate Pathways Program

Where Careers Begin.



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At Palisade High School, all students (9th-10th grade) are taught through the Middle Years Program (MYP), part of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program. The Middle Years Program encourages students to make practical connections between their studies and authentic experiences, preparing them for success in further study, career, and in life.

The aim of the Elevate Program is to extend the values of MYP and provide direction during the 4 year journey at PHS based on the students' interest and career goals. Thus, students are encouraged to consider a Palisade Elevate Pathway to begin gaining a foundation for their future. Each pathway adopts "program(s) of study" to give students an authentic context for better understanding of the academic and technical fundamentals they will need to succeed in whatever post-secondary option they choose.

The Palisade Elevate Program transforms a student's high school experience by bringing together strong academics, demanding technical education, authentic experience, and passion projects culminating in dual-credit, internships, and/or industry credentials.



Questions: crystal.green@d51schools.org

Pathways

Hospitality, Human Services, & Education

- LEAD
- Culinary
- Hospitality, Resort and Event Management

Health Science, Criminal Justice, & Public Safety

- Fire Academy

Skilled Trades & Technical Sciences

- Careers in Construction

Business, Marketing, Entrepreneurship, Finance, & Public Administration

- Business Administration

Explorer Pathway

- Build Your Own Program of Study

Foundation Courses

These required courses are at the core of the Program of Study and emphasize the industry-specific knowledge and skills that are directly applicable to the chosen profession.

Skills Courses

A menu of required courses that enhances skills acquisition and complements the foundational courses.

Credentials/Certifications

Evidence of an individual's education, training, and competence to perform specific tasks. Credentials and certifications typically transfer directly to the workforce.

Capstone Experience

An industry specific experience that challenges students to synthesize their academic learning, demonstrate mastery of their subject matter, and showcase their readiness for professional post-secondary endeavors. There are a variety of options to meet this requirement.

Passion Project

A mentored, community-driven project that provides a deliverable to an authentic problem or project.

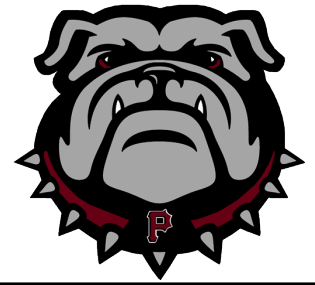
Career & Technical Student Organizations

Career and Technical Student Organizations integrate into Career and Technical Education programs and courses across the country. CTSOs extend teaching and learning through innovative programs, business and community partnerships and leadership experiences at the school, state and national levels.

Priority Scheduling!

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Palisade Elevate Internship Program

Where Careers Begin.

APPLY FOR THESE OPEN INTERNSHIPS

-  Social Media Marketing
-  Hospitality and Tourism
-  Business
-  IT
-  Maintenance/Mechanical
-  Ute Water Conservation\$\$

CONTACT

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WHY AN INTERNSHIP?

- [Earn Elective Credit!](#)
- Be better prepared to choose a career
- Learn industry skills and impact your community



tinyurl.com/PHSinternships

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THE RESULT

Students will graduate with authentic experiences that will launch their post-secondary goals.

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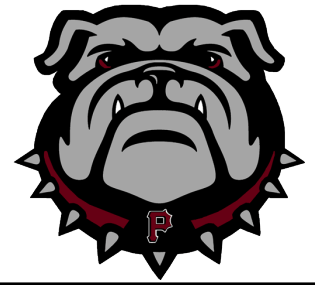
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CENTERS PROVIDE:**

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- A healthy, hearty snack
- Friendship and mentoring
- Field trips
- Family engagement
- College and Career readiness
- And much more!



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We love to support PHS, the students, the clubs, and staff!!

We always welcome new faces to volunteer and help support our mission.

We have New Hoodies!

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Booster mission is to enhance, assist, and encourage enthusiastic support for all Palisade High school programs. The Booster club provides financial support, athletic fee scholarships, assists with travel expenses, fulfills wish lists and promotes school spirit. Fundraising efforts and contributions enable Booster Club to achieve our mission.

Without fundraising we would not exist. We provide this through a program that encourages participation. Thank you for your support!

Feel free to reach out to us with questions at palisadebooster@gmail.com

Or join us for a monthly meeting held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 357 Cafe in Palisade at 6pm

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